



Membership

The makeup of the Host Committee will vary from location to location. However, the committee should reflect the private and government groups and organizations that offer services and resources to people with visual impairments within the community. The following groups should be considered as potential members and/or invited to participate in the events surrounding the exhibition of the National Eye Institute's **THE EYE SITE: A Traveling Exhibit on Low Vision for Shopping Centers**. Make sure to involve groups representing underserved/minority populations in the area.

Vision-Related Voluntary Organizations

These groups might include disease-specific organizations, local voluntary agencies, or providers of services for people with visual impairments (e.g., Prevent Blindness America, American Foundation for the Blind, Foundation Fighting Blindness).

Civic and Voluntary Organizations

These groups provide many community-based services. Among these voluntary groups and organizations are the Lions Clubs International; AARP; The Links, Inc.; and the Delta Gamma Foundation.

State and Local Agencies

These groups include the State Department of Public Health, State Department of Rehabilitation, Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind—Chapter 2 Program, Area Agencies on Aging, etc.

NEI Grantee Institutions

The NEI supports research projects at 250 vision research centers, hospitals, and universities in the United States. NEI will provide a list of grantee institutions in the region.

The National Eye Health Education Program (NEHEP)

Coordinated by the NEI, this group includes more than 50 national organizations, many with local affiliates. See Appendix A or visit the NEHEP Website at www.nei.nih.gov/nehep/members.asp for a list of members.

VISION Public Information Network

Coordinated by the NEI, this group includes the public affairs officers from eye institutes and departments of ophthalmology and schools and colleges of optometry. See Appendix B or visit the Network Website at www.visionnetwork.nei.nih.gov for a list of members.

Vision Professionals

Representatives from ophthalmology, optometry, and vision rehabilitation should be included. Most state associations of ophthalmology and optometry have an established committee on low vision.

Shopping Center Management

Shopping center management representatives from the selected malls will be invited to join the committee.